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"AN ACT CONCERNING COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS ON OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 19a-14 of the 2022 supplement to
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

6 (a) The Department of Public Health shall have the following powers
7 and duties with regard to the boards and commissions listed in
8 subsection (b) of this section which are within the Department of Public
9 Health. The department shall:

10 (1) Control the allocation, disbursement and budgeting of funds
11 appropriated to the department for the operation of the boards and
12 commissions;

13 (2) Employ and assign such personnel as the commissioner deems

14 necessary for the performance of the functions of the boards and
15 commissions;

16 (3) Perform all management functions including purchasing,
17 bookkeeping, accounting, payroll, secretarial, clerical and routine
18 housekeeping functions;

19 (4) Adopt, with the advice and assistance of the appropriate board or
20 commission, and in accordance with chapter 54, any regulations which
21 are consistent with protecting the public health and safety and which
22 are necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter and chapters
23 368v, 369 to 375, inclusive, 378 to 381, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 398
24 and 399;

25 (5) Develop and perform all administrative functions necessary to
26 process applications for licenses and certificates;

27 (6) Determine the eligibility of all applicants for permits, licensure,
28 certification or registration, based upon compliance with the general
29 statutes and administrative regulations. The department may deny the
30 eligibility of an applicant for a permit or for licensure by examination,
31 endorsement, reciprocity or for reinstatement of a license voided
32 pursuant to subsection (f) of section 19a-88, voluntarily surrendered or,
33 by agreement, not renewed or reinstated pursuant to subsection (d) of
34 section 19a-17, or may issue a license pursuant to a consent order
35 containing conditions that must be met by the applicant if the
36 department determines that the applicant:

37 (A) Has failed to comply with the general statutes and administrative
38 regulations governing the applicant's profession;

39 (B) [Except] Has been found guilty or convicted as a result of an act
40 which constitutes a felony under (i) the laws of this state, (ii) federal law,
41 or (iii) the laws of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within
42 this state, would have constituted a felony under the laws of this state,
43 except any applicant for licensure as a barber under chapter 386, [or] a
44 hairdresser and cosmetician under chapter 387 [, has been found guilty

45 or convicted as a result of an act which constitutes a felony under (i) the
46 laws of this state, (ii) federal law or (iii) the laws of another jurisdiction
47 and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a
48 felony under the laws of this state] or an embalmer and funeral director
49 under chapter 385;

50 (C) Is subject to a pending disciplinary action or unresolved
51 complaint before the duly authorized professional disciplinary agency
52 of any state, the District of Columbia, a United States possession or
53 territory, or a foreign jurisdiction;

54 (D) Has been subject to disciplinary action similar to an action
55 specified in subsection (a) of section 19a-17, as amended by this act, by
56 a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of any state, the
57 District of Columbia, a United States possession or territory, or a foreign
58 jurisdiction;

59 (E) Has committed an act which, if the applicant were licensed, would
60 not conform to the accepted standards of practice of the profession,
61 including, but not limited to, incompetence, negligence, fraud or deceit;
62 illegal conduct; procuring or attempting to procure a license, certificate
63 or registration by fraud or deceit; or engaging in, aiding or abetting
64 unlicensed practice of a regulated profession, provided the
65 commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, gives notice and holds a
66 hearing, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, prior to
67 denying an application for a permit or a license based on this
68 subparagraph; or

69 (F) Has a condition which would interfere with the practice of the
70 applicant's profession, including, but not limited to, physical illness or
71 loss of skill or deterioration due to the aging process, emotional disorder
72 or mental illness, abuse or excessive use of drugs or alcohol, provided
73 the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, gives notice and
74 holds a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, prior to
75 denying an application for a permit or a license based on this
76 subparagraph;

77 (7) Administer licensing examinations under the supervision of the
78 appropriate board or commission;

79 (8) Develop and perform all administrative functions necessary to
80 process complaints against persons licensed by the department;

81 (9) Consent to the approval or disapproval by the appropriate boards
82 or commissions of schools at which educational requirements shall be
83 met;

84 (10) Conduct any necessary review, inspection or investigation
85 regarding qualifications of applicants for licenses or certificates,
86 possible violations of statutes or regulations, and disciplinary matters.
87 In connection with any investigation, the Commissioner of Public
88 Health or the commissioner's authorized agent may administer oaths,
89 issue subpoenas, compel testimony and order the production of books,
90 records and documents. If any person refuses to appear, to testify or to
91 produce any book, record or document when so ordered, a judge of the
92 Superior Court may make such order as may be appropriate to aid in
93 the enforcement of this section;

94 (11) Conduct any necessary investigation and follow-up in
95 connection with complaints regarding persons subject to regulation or
96 licensing by the department. In connection with any such investigation,
97 the department may restrict, suspend or otherwise limit the license or
98 permit of any person subject to regulation or licensing by the
99 department pursuant to an interim consent order entered during the
100 pendency of such investigation;

101 (12) With respect to any complaint filed with the department on or
102 after October 1, 2010, alleging incompetence, negligence, fraud or deceit
103 by a person subject to regulation or licensing by any board or
104 commission described in subdivision (1) to (8), inclusive, (12) to (14),
105 inclusive, or subdivision (16) of subsection (b) of this section:

106 (A) Upon request of the person who filed the complaint, provide such
107 person with information on the status of the complaint;

108 (B) Upon request of the person who filed the complaint, provide such
109 person with an opportunity to review, at the department, records
110 compiled as of the date of the request pursuant to any investigation of
111 the complaint, including, but not limited to, the respondent's written
112 response to the complaint, except that such person shall not be entitled
113 to copy such records and the department (i) shall not disclose (I)
114 information concerning a health care professional's referral to,
115 participation in or completion of an assistance program in accordance
116 with sections 19a-12a and 19a-12b, that is confidential pursuant to
117 section 19a-12a, (II) information not related to such person's specific
118 complaint, including, but not limited to, information concerning
119 patients other than such person, or (III) personnel or medical records
120 and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of
121 personal privacy pursuant to section 1-210, except for such records or
122 similar files solely related to such person; (ii) shall not be required to
123 disclose any other information that is otherwise confidential pursuant
124 to federal law or state statute, except for information solely related to
125 such person; and (iii) may require up to ten business days written notice
126 prior to providing such opportunity for review;

127 (C) Prior to resolving the complaint with a consent order, provide the
128 person who filed the complaint with not less than ten business days to
129 submit a written statement as to whether such person objects to
130 resolving the complaint with a consent order;

131 (D) If a hearing is held with respect to such complaint after a finding
132 of probable cause, provide the person who filed the complaint with a
133 copy of the notice of hearing issued pursuant to section 4-177, which
134 shall include information concerning the opportunity to present oral or
135 written statements pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-177c; and

136 (E) Notify the person who filed the complaint of the final disposition
137 of such complaint not later than seven business days after such final
138 disposition;

139 (13) Perform any other function necessary to the effective operation

140 of a board or commission and not specifically vested by statute in the
141 board or commission;

142 (14) Contract with a third party, if the commissioner deems
143 necessary, to administer licensing examinations and perform all
144 attendant administrative functions in connection with such
145 examination; and

146 (15) With respect to any investigation of a person subject to
147 regulation, licensing or certification by the department and in any
148 disciplinary proceeding regarding such person, except as required by
149 federal law:

150 (A) Not be denied access to or use of copies of patient medical records
151 on the grounds that privilege or confidentiality applies to such records;
152 and

153 (B) Not further disclose patient medical records received pursuant to
154 the provisions of this subdivision or personnel records received during
155 the course of the investigation. Patient records received pursuant to this
156 subdivision or personnel records received during the course of the
157 investigation shall not be subject to disclosure under section 1-210.

158 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 19a-17 of the general statutes is
159 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
160 *1, 2022*):

161 (a) Each board or commission established under chapters 369 to 376,
162 inclusive, 378 to 381, inclusive, and 383 to 388, inclusive, and the
163 Department of Public Health with respect to professions under its
164 jurisdiction that have no board or commission may take any of the
165 following actions, singly or in combination, based on conduct that
166 occurred prior or subsequent to the issuance of a permit or a license
167 upon finding the existence of good cause:

168 (1) Revoke a practitioner's license or permit;

169 (2) Suspend a practitioner's license or permit;

- 170 (3) Censure a practitioner or permittee;
- 171 (4) Issue a letter of reprimand to a practitioner or permittee;
- 172 (5) Restrict or otherwise limit practice to those areas prescribed by the
173 board, commission or department;
- 174 (6) Place a practitioner or permittee on probationary status and
175 require the practitioner or permittee to:
- 176 (A) Report regularly to such board, commission or department upon
177 the matters which are the basis of probation;
- 178 (B) Limit practice to those areas prescribed by such board,
179 commission or department; and
- 180 (C) Continue or renew professional education until a satisfactory
181 degree of skill has been attained in those areas which are the basis for
182 the probation;
- 183 (7) Assess a civil penalty of up to twenty-five thousand dollars;
- 184 (8) In those cases involving persons or entities licensed or certified
185 pursuant to sections 20-341d, 20-435, 20-436, 20-437, 20-438, 20-475, as
186 amended by this act, and 20-476, require that restitution be made to an
187 injured property owner; or
- 188 (9) Summarily take any action specified in this subsection against a
189 practitioner's license or permit upon receipt of proof that such
190 practitioner has been:
- 191 (A) Found guilty or convicted as a result of an act which constitutes
192 a felony under (i) the laws of this state, (ii) federal law, or (iii) the laws
193 of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would
194 have constituted a felony under the laws of this state, except for a
195 practitioner who is a social worker under chapter 383b, an art therapist
196 under chapter 383g, a dietitian-nutritionist under chapter 384b, an
197 embalmer or funeral director under chapter 385, a barber under chapter

198 386, a hairdresser, cosmetician, esthetician, eyelash technician or nail
199 technician under chapter 387; or

200 (B) Subject to disciplinary action similar to that specified in this
201 subsection by a duly authorized professional agency of any state, the
202 federal government, the District of Columbia, a United States possession
203 or territory or a foreign jurisdiction. The applicable board or
204 commission, or the department shall promptly notify the practitioner or
205 permittee that his license or permit has been summarily acted upon
206 pursuant to this subsection and shall institute formal proceedings for
207 revocation within ninety days after such notification.

208 Sec. 3. Section 20-195o of the general statutes is repealed and the
209 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

210 (a) Application for licensure shall be on forms prescribed and
211 furnished by the commissioner. Each applicant shall furnish evidence
212 satisfactory to the commissioner that he or she has met the requirements
213 of section 20-195n. The application fee for a clinical social worker license
214 shall be three hundred fifteen dollars. The application fee for a master
215 social worker license shall be two hundred twenty dollars.

216 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-195n concerning
217 examinations, on or before October 1, 2015, the commissioner may issue
218 a license without examination, to any master social worker applicant
219 who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that, on or
220 before October 1, 2013, he or she held a master's degree from a social
221 work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or,
222 if educated outside the United States or its territories, completed an
223 educational program deemed equivalent by the council.

224 (c) Each person licensed pursuant to this chapter may apply for
225 renewal of such licensure in accordance with the provisions of
226 subsection (e) of section 19a-88. A fee of one hundred ninety-five dollars
227 shall accompany each renewal application for a licensed master social
228 worker or a licensed clinical social worker. Each such applicant shall
229 furnish evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of having satisfied the

230 continuing education requirements prescribed in section 20-195u.

231 (d) (1) An individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
232 may request, in writing, at any time, that the commissioner determine
233 whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the
234 individual from obtaining a license issued or conferred by the
235 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
236 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
237 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
238 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
239 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
240 the individual.

241 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
242 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
243 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
244 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
245 commissioner may waive such fee.

246 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
247 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
248 request whether, based on the criminal record information provided,
249 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
250 issued or conferred pursuant to this chapter.

251 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
252 this subsection, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner
253 determines that an individual's criminal conviction differs from the
254 information presented in the determination request.

255 Sec. 4. Section 20-195p of the general statutes is repealed and the
256 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

257 The commissioner may deny an application of an individual or take
258 any action set forth in section 19a-17, as amended by this act, if the
259 license holder fails to conform to the accepted standards of the social
260 work profession, including, but not limited to, the following: Conviction

261 of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon (1) the nature of
262 the conviction and its relationship to the license holder's ability to safely
263 or competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with
264 such license, (2) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
265 the license holder, and (3) the time elapsed since the conviction or
266 release; fraud or deceit in obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license
267 to practice clinical social work; fraud or deceit in the practice of social
268 work; negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional
269 activities; emotional disorder or mental illness; physical illness,
270 including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process;
271 abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or
272 chemicals; wilful falsification of entries in any hospital, patient or other
273 record pertaining to social work; violation of any provision of this
274 chapter or any regulation adopted hereunder. The Commissioner of
275 Public Health may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable
276 physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to
277 practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may
278 petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce
279 such order or any action taken pursuant to said section 19a-17, as
280 amended by this act. Notice of any contemplated action under said
281 section 19a-17, as amended by this act, of the cause therefor and the date
282 of hearing thereon, shall be given and an opportunity for hearing
283 afforded as provided in the regulations adopted by the commissioner.

284 Sec. 5. Section 20-195cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
285 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

286 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall grant a license (1) as a
287 professional counselor to any applicant who furnishes evidence
288 satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant has met the
289 requirements of section 20-195dd, and (2) as a professional counselor
290 associate to any applicant who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the
291 commissioner that such applicant has met the requirements of section
292 20-195dd. The commissioner shall develop and provide application
293 forms. The application fee for a professional counselor shall be three
294 hundred fifteen dollars. The application fee for a professional counselor

295 associate shall be two hundred twenty dollars.

296 (b) Licenses issued to professional counselors and professional
297 counselor associates under this section may be renewed annually
298 pursuant to section 19a-88. The fee for such renewal shall be one
299 hundred ninety-five dollars. Each licensed professional counselor and
300 professional counselor associate applying for license renewal shall
301 furnish evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of having participated
302 in continuing education programs. The commissioner shall adopt
303 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1) define basic
304 requirements for continuing education programs that shall include (A)
305 not less than one contact hour of training or education each registration
306 period on the topic of cultural competency, (B) on and after January 1,
307 2016, not less than two contact hours of training or education during the
308 first renewal period in which continuing education is required and not
309 less than once every six years thereafter on the topic of mental health
310 conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans,
311 including (i) determining whether a patient is a veteran or family
312 member of a veteran, (ii) screening for conditions such as post-traumatic
313 stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and (iii) suicide
314 prevention training, and (C) on and after January 1, 2018, not less than
315 three contact hours of training or education each registration period on
316 the topic of professional ethics, (2) delineate qualifying programs, (3)
317 establish a system of control and reporting, and (4) provide for a waiver
318 of the continuing education requirement for good cause.

319 (c) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
320 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
321 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
322 obtaining a license issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant to
323 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
324 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
325 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
326 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
327 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

328 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
329 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
330 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
331 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
332 commissioner may waive such fee.

333 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
334 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
335 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
336 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
337 issued or conferred pursuant to this chapter.

338 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
339 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
340 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
341 presented in the determination request.

342 Sec. 6. Section 20-195ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
343 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

344 The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
345 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17, as
346 amended by this act, against a professional counselor or professional
347 counselor associate for any of the following reasons: (1) Failure to
348 conform to the accepted standards of the profession; (2) conviction of a
349 felony, provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the
350 conviction and its relationship to the license holder's ability to safely or
351 competently practice professional counseling, (B) information
352 pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the license holder, and (C)
353 the time elapsed since the conviction or release; (3) fraud or deceit in
354 obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice professional
355 counseling; (4) fraud or deceit in the practice of professional counseling;
356 (5) negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional
357 activities; (6) physical, mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting
358 in an inability to conform to the accepted standards of the profession;
359 (7) alcohol or substance abuse; (8) wilful falsification of entries in any

360 hospital, patient or other record pertaining to professional counseling;
361 or (9) violation of any provision of sections 20-195aa to 20-195dd,
362 inclusive, or any regulation adopted pursuant to section 20-195ff. The
363 commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable
364 physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to
365 practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may
366 petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce
367 such order or any action taken pursuant to said section 19a-17, as
368 amended by this act. The commissioner shall give notice and an
369 opportunity to be heard on any contemplated action under said section
370 19a-17, as amended by this act.

371 Sec. 7. Section 20-195ooo of the general statutes is repealed and the
372 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

373 (a) On and after October 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Public Health
374 shall grant a license as an art therapist to any applicant who, except as
375 provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, furnishes evidence
376 satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant (1) has earned a
377 graduate degree in art therapy or a related field from an accredited
378 institution of higher education, and (2) holds a current credential or
379 certification as an art therapist from the Art Therapy Credentials Board,
380 or any successor of said board. The commissioner shall develop and
381 provide application forms. The application fee shall be three hundred
382 fifteen dollars.

383 (b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present evidence
384 satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is licensed or
385 certified as an art therapist, or as a person entitled to perform similar
386 services under a different designation, in another state or jurisdiction
387 that has requirements for practicing in such capacity that are
388 substantially similar to, or higher than, those of this state and that there
389 are no disciplinary actions or unresolved complaints pending in this
390 state or any other state.

391 (c) Licenses issued under this section shall be renewed annually

392 pursuant to section 19a-88. The fee for such renewal shall be one
393 hundred ninety dollars. Each licensed art therapist applying for license
394 renewal shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of
395 having a current credential or certification with the Art Therapy
396 Credentials Board, or any successor of said board, and having obtained
397 continuing education units for such credential or certification as
398 required by said board.

399 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
400 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
401 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
402 obtaining a license issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant to
403 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
404 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
405 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
406 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
407 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.
408 An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
409 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
410 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
411 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
412 commissioner may waive such fee.

413 (2) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
414 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
415 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
416 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
417 issued pursuant to this chapter.

418 (3) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
419 this subsection, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner
420 determines that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the
421 information presented in the determination request.

422 Sec. 8. Section 20-195qqq of the general statutes is repealed and the
423 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

424 The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
425 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17, as
426 amended by this act, against an art therapist for any of the following
427 reasons: (1) Failure to conform to the accepted standards of the
428 profession; (2) conviction of a felony, provided any action taken is based
429 upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the license
430 holder's ability to safely or competently practice as an art therapist, (B)
431 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the license
432 holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release; (3) fraud
433 or deceit in obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice art
434 therapy; (4) fraud or deceit in the practice of art therapy; (5) negligent,
435 incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities; (6) physical,
436 mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting in an inability to
437 conform to the accepted standards of the profession; (7) alcohol or
438 substance abuse; or (8) wilful falsification of entries in any hospital,
439 patient or other record pertaining to art therapy. The commissioner may
440 order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental
441 examination if his or her physical or mental capacity to practice safely is
442 the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the
443 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order
444 or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17, as amended by this act.
445 The commissioner shall give notice and an opportunity to be heard on
446 any contemplated action under section 19a-17, as amended by this act.

447 Sec. 9. Section 20-206n of the general statutes is repealed and the
448 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

449 (a) The department may, upon receipt of an application and fee of
450 one hundred ninety dollars, issue a certificate as a dietitian-nutritionist
451 to any applicant who has presented to the commissioner satisfactory
452 evidence that (1) such applicant is certified as a registered dietitian by
453 the Commission on Dietetic Registration, or (2) such applicant has (A)
454 successfully passed a written examination prescribed by the
455 commissioner, and (B) received a master's degree or doctoral degree,
456 from an institution of higher education accredited to grant such degree
457 by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States

458 Department of Education, with a major course of study which focused
459 primarily on human nutrition or dietetics and which included a
460 minimum of thirty graduate semester credits, twenty-one of which shall
461 be in not fewer than five of the following content areas: (i) Human
462 nutrition or nutrition in the life cycle, (ii) nutrition biochemistry, (iii)
463 nutrition assessment, (iv) food composition or food science, (v) health
464 education or nutrition counseling, (vi) nutrition in health and disease,
465 and (vii) community nutrition or public health nutrition.

466 (b) No certificate shall be issued under this section to any applicant
467 against whom a professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the
468 subject of an unresolved professional complaint.

469 (c) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
470 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
471 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
472 obtaining a certificate issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant
473 this section based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship
474 to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform the duties or
475 responsibilities associated with such license, (B) information pertaining
476 to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual, and (C) the time elapsed
477 since the conviction or release of the individual.

478 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
479 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
480 department. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than fifteen
481 dollars for each request made under this subsection. The commissioner
482 may waive such fee.

483 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
484 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
485 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
486 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate
487 issued pursuant to this section.

488 (4) The department is not bound by a determination made under this
489 section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines that

490 the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
491 presented in the determination request.

492 Sec. 10. Section 20-206s of the general statutes is repealed and the
493 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

494 The department may deny an application of an individual or take any
495 action set forth in section 19a-17, as amended by this act, if the certificate
496 holder fails to conform to the accepted standards of the dietitian-
497 nutritionist profession, including, but not limited to, the following:
498 Conviction of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon (1) the
499 nature of the conviction and its relationship to the certificate holder's
500 ability to safely or competently perform the duties or responsibilities
501 associated with such certificate, (2) information pertaining to the degree
502 of rehabilitation of the certificate holder, and (3) the time elapsed since
503 the conviction or release; fraud or deceit in professional practice; illegal
504 conduct; negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional
505 activities; emotional disorder or mental illness; physical illness
506 including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process;
507 abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or
508 chemicals; wilful falsification of entries in any client or patient record;
509 misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact in the obtaining or
510 reinstatement of a dietitian-nutritionist certificate; or violation of any
511 provision of sections 20-206m to 20-206t, inclusive.

512 Sec. 11. Subsection (i) of section 20-265b of the 2022 supplement to the
513 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
514 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

515 (i) The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
516 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17
517 against an esthetician for failure to conform to the accepted standards of
518 the profession, including, but not limited to: (1) Conviction of a felony,
519 provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction
520 and its relationship to the license holder's ability to safely or
521 competently practice as an esthetician, (B) information pertaining to the

522 degree of rehabilitation of the license holder, and (C) the time elapsed
523 since the conviction or release; (2) fraud or deceit in obtaining or seeking
524 reinstatement of a license to practice as an esthetician; (3) fraud or deceit
525 in the practice of an esthetician; (4) negligent, incompetent or wrongful
526 conduct in professional activities; (5) physical, mental or emotional
527 illness or disorder resulting in an inability to conform to the accepted
528 standards of the profession; or (6) abuse or excessive use of drugs,
529 including, alcohol, narcotics or chemicals. The commissioner may order
530 a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental
531 examination if his or her physical or mental capacity to practice safely is
532 the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the
533 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order
534 or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. The commissioner shall
535 give notice and an opportunity to be heard on any contemplated action
536 under section 19a-17.

537 Sec. 12. Section 20-265b of the general statutes is amended by adding
538 subsection (k) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

539 (NEW) (k) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal
540 offense may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine
541 whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the
542 individual from obtaining a certificate issued or conferred by the
543 commissioner pursuant to this section based on (A) the nature of the
544 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
545 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
546 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
547 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
548 the individual.

549 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
550 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
551 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
552 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
553 commissioner may waive such fee.

554 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
555 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
556 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
557 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate
558 issued pursuant to this section.

559 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
560 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
561 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
562 presented in the determination request.

563 Sec. 13. Subsection (i) of section 20-265c of the 2022 supplement to the
564 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
565 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

566 (i) The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
567 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17
568 against an eyelash technician for failure to conform to the accepted
569 standards of the profession, including, but not limited to: (1) Conviction
570 of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of
571 the conviction and its relationship to the license holder's ability to safely
572 or competently practice as an eyelash technician, (B) information
573 pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the license holder, and (C)
574 the time elapsed since the conviction or release; (2) fraud or deceit in
575 obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice as an eyelash
576 technician; (3) fraud or deceit in the practice of an eyelash technician; (4)
577 negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities;
578 (5) physical, mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting in an
579 inability to conform to the accepted standards of the profession; or (6)
580 abuse or excessive use of drugs, including, alcohol, narcotics or
581 chemicals. The commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a
582 reasonable physical or mental examination if his or her physical or
583 mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The
584 commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of
585 Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section
586 19a-17. The commissioner shall give notice and an opportunity to be

587 heard on any contemplated action under section 19a-17.

588 Sec. 14. Section 20-265c of the general statutes is amended by adding
589 subsection (k) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

590 (NEW) (k) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal
591 offense may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine
592 whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the
593 individual from obtaining a certificate issued or conferred by the
594 commissioner pursuant to this section based on (A) the nature of the
595 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
596 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
597 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
598 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
599 the individual.

600 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
601 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
602 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
603 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
604 commissioner may waive such fee.

605 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
606 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
607 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
608 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate
609 issued pursuant to this section.

610 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
611 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
612 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
613 presented in the determination request.

614 Sec. 15. Subsection (i) of section 20-265d of the 2022 supplement to
615 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
616 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

617 (i) The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
618 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17
619 against a nail technician for failure to conform to the accepted standards
620 of the profession, including, but not limited to: (1) Conviction of a
621 felony, provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the
622 conviction and its relationship to the license holder's ability to safely or
623 competently practice as an nail technician, (B) information pertaining to
624 the degree of rehabilitation of the license holder, and (C) the time
625 elapsed since the conviction or release; (2) fraud or deceit in obtaining
626 or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice as a nail technician; (3)
627 fraud or deceit in the practice of a nail technician; (4) negligent,
628 incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities; (5) physical,
629 mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting in an inability to
630 conform to the accepted standards of the profession; or (6) abuse or
631 excessive use of drugs, including, alcohol, narcotics or chemicals. The
632 commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable
633 physical or mental examination if his or her physical or mental capacity
634 to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner
635 may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to
636 enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. The
637 commissioner shall give notice and an opportunity to be heard on any
638 contemplated action under section 19a-17.

639 Sec. 16. Section 20-265d of the general statutes is amended by adding
640 subsection (k) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

641 (NEW) (k) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal
642 offense may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine
643 whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the
644 individual from obtaining a license issued or conferred by the
645 commissioner pursuant to this section based on (A) the nature of the
646 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
647 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
648 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
649 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
650 the individual.

651 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
652 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
653 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
654 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
655 commissioner may waive such fee.

656 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
657 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
658 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
659 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
660 issued pursuant to this section.

661 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
662 this section, if, upon further investigation, the department determines
663 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
664 presented in the determination request.

665 Sec. 17. Section 20-280e of the general statutes is repealed and the
666 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

667 (a) The State Board of Accountancy shall issue a Connecticut Certified
668 Public Accountant's Certificate to any person who has been granted the
669 designation "certified public accountant" and who submits an
670 application and pays the applicable fee for an initial certified public
671 accountant certificate. No person issued an initial certificate, pursuant
672 to this section, shall engage in the practice of public accountancy or use
673 the title or designation "certified public accountant", or the
674 abbreviations "CPA", or any other title, designation, words, letters,
675 abbreviation, sign, card or device tending to indicate that such person is
676 a certified public accountant, except as permitted in accordance with
677 sections 20-280 and 20-281g.

678 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
679 may request, at any time, that the board determine whether such
680 individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
681 obtaining a certificate or license issued or conferred by the board
682 pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and

683 its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently
684 perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
685 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
686 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

687 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
688 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
689 board. The board may charge a fee of not more than fifteen dollars for
690 each request made under this subsection. The board may waive such
691 fee.

692 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
693 subsection, the board shall inform the individual making such request
694 whether, based on the criminal record information submitted, such
695 individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license issued
696 pursuant to this chapter.

697 (4) The board is not bound by a determination made under this
698 section, if, upon further investigation, the board determines that the
699 individual's criminal conviction differs from the information presented
700 in the determination request.

701 Sec. 18. Section 20-281a of the general statutes is repealed and the
702 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

703 (a) After notice and hearing pursuant to section 20-280c, the board
704 may revoke any certificate, license or permit issued under section 20-
705 281c, 20-281d or 20-281e or the practice privilege of an individual who
706 qualifies under section 20-281n; suspend any such certificate,
707 registration, license, practice privilege or permit or refuse to renew any
708 such certificate, license or permit; reprimand, censure, or limit the scope
709 of practice of any licensee or individual that qualifies for the practice
710 privilege; impose a civil penalty not exceeding fifty thousand dollars
711 upon licensees, individuals who qualify for the practice privilege or
712 others violating provisions of section 20-281g; [or] place any licensee or
713 individual that qualifies for the practice privilege on probation, all with
714 or without terms, conditions and limitations; or deny an application of

715 an individual, for any one or more of the following reasons:

716 (1) Fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate, registration, license,
717 practice privilege or permit;

718 (2) Cancellation, revocation, suspension or refusal to renew authority
719 to engage in the practice of public accountancy in any other state for any
720 cause;

721 (3) Failure, on the part of a holder of a license or permit under section
722 20-281d or 20-281e, to maintain compliance with the requirements for
723 issuance or renewal of such license or permit or to report changes to the
724 board under subsection (h) of section 20-281d or subsection (f) of section
725 20-281e;

726 (4) Revocation, limitation or suspension of the right to practice before
727 any state or federal agency or the Public Company Accounting
728 Oversight Board under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or any of the
729 following actions taken by any such state or federal agency or said board
730 against a licensee or individual who qualifies for the practice privilege:
731 (A) Suspension of or barring a licensee from serving as a corporate
732 officer or director, (B) requiring such individual or licensee to disgorge
733 funds, or (C) suspension or barring such individual or a licensee from
734 association with a public accounting firm;

735 (5) Dishonesty, fraud or negligence in the practice of public
736 accountancy or in the filing or failure to file his own income tax returns;

737 (6) Violation of any provision of sections 20-279b to 20-281m,
738 inclusive, or regulation adopted by the board under said sections;

739 (7) Violation of any rule of professional conduct adopted by the board
740 under subdivision (4) of subsection (g) of section 20-280;

741 (8) (A) Conviction of a felony, provided any action taken is based
742 upon (i) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the certificate
743 or license holder's ability to safely or competently engage in the practice
744 of public accountancy, (ii) information pertaining to the degree of

745 rehabilitation of the certificate or license holder, and (iii) the time
746 elapsed since the conviction or release, or (B) of any crime an element of
747 which is dishonesty or fraud, under the laws of the United States, of this
748 state, or of any other state if the acts involved would have constituted a
749 crime under the laws of this state, subject to the provisions of section
750 46a-80;

751 (9) Performance of any fraudulent act while holding a registration,
752 certificate, license, practice privilege or permit issued under sections 20-
753 279b to 20-281m, inclusive, or prior law;

754 (10) Any conduct reflecting adversely upon the licensee's fitness to
755 engage in the practice of public accountancy; and

756 (11) Violation by anyone of any provision of section 20-281g.

757 (b) In lieu of or in addition to any remedy specifically provided in
758 subsection (a) of this section, the board may require a licensee or
759 individual who qualifies for a practice privilege to: (1) Submit to a
760 quality review conducted in such fashion as the board may specify; or
761 (2) complete such continuing professional education programs as the
762 board may specify, or both.

763 (c) In any proceeding in which a remedy provided by subsection (a)
764 or (b) of this section is imposed, the board may also require the
765 respondent to pay the costs of the proceeding.

766 Sec. 19. Section 20-291 of the general statutes is repealed and the
767 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

768 (a) No person shall receive a license under the provisions of this
769 chapter until such person has passed an examination in such technical
770 and professional subjects as may be prescribed by the board, with the
771 consent of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Each person who
772 applies to the Department of Consumer Protection for a license under
773 the provisions of this chapter shall submit an application, together with
774 evidence of education and training experience as prescribed by the

775 commissioner, in consultation with the board, in regulations adopted in
776 accordance with chapter 54. The board or the commissioner may accept
777 in the case of any architect currently registered or licensed in another
778 state in lieu of the examination (1) a certificate of registration issued by
779 the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards; or (2)
780 evidence satisfactory to the board or the commissioner that such
781 architect is registered in a state having registration requirements
782 substantially equal to the licensure requirements of this state and that
783 such architect has been practicing in such other state for a period of at
784 least ten years. When the applicant has passed such examination to the
785 satisfaction of a majority of the board or the commissioner and has paid
786 to the department the fees prescribed in section 20-292, the department
787 shall enroll the applicant's name and address in the roster of licensed
788 architects and issue a license to the applicant, which shall entitle the
789 applicant to practice as an architect in this state.

790 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
791 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
792 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
793 obtaining a certificate or license issued or conferred by the
794 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
795 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
796 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
797 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
798 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
799 the individual.

800 (2) An individual making such request shall include (i) details of the
801 individual's criminal conviction, and (ii) any payment required by the
802 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
803 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
804 commissioner may waive such fee.

805 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
806 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
807 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,

808 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate or
809 license issued pursuant to this chapter.

810 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
811 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
812 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
813 presented in the determination request.

814 Sec. 20. Section 20-294 of the general statutes is repealed and the
815 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

816 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the board may
817 suspend for a definite period, not to exceed one year, or revoke any
818 license or certificate of authority issued under this chapter, after notice
819 and hearing in accordance with the regulations adopted by the
820 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or may officially censure any
821 person holding any such license or certificate of authority and may
822 assess a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars per violation, (1) if it
823 is shown that the license or certificate was obtained through fraud or
824 misrepresentation, (2) if the holder of the license or certificate has been
825 found guilty by the board, the commissioner or by a court of competent
826 jurisdiction of any fraud or deceit in such holder's professional practice
827 or has been convicted of a felony, provided any action taken is based
828 upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the
829 certificate or license holder's ability to safely or competently perform the
830 duties or responsibilities with such license or certificate, (B) information
831 pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the certificate or license
832 holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release, (3) if the
833 holder of the license or certificate has been found guilty by the board or
834 the commissioner of gross incompetency or of negligence in the
835 planning or construction of buildings, or (4) if it is shown to the
836 satisfaction of the board or the commissioner that the holder of the
837 license or certificate has violated any provision of this chapter or any
838 regulation adopted under this chapter. Any such suspension or
839 revocation of a license or certificate by the board shall be a proposed
840 final decision and submitted to the commissioner in accordance with the

841 provisions of subsection (b) of section 21a-7. The board or the
842 commissioner may reissue any such license or certificate which has been
843 revoked, and may modify the suspension of any such license or
844 certificate which has been suspended.

845 Sec. 21. Section 20-334 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
846 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
847 *October 1, 2022*):

848 (a) No person shall engage in, practice or offer to perform the work
849 of any occupation subject to this chapter in this state, including offering
850 to perform such work in any print, electronic, television or radio
851 advertising or listing, unless such person has first obtained a license as
852 provided in section 20-333, or possesses a card of registration from the
853 Labor Department or the board and is subject to all of the regulations
854 adopted under this chapter for the purpose of governing apprenticeship
855 training, or has been issued a license for such particular work under this
856 chapter prior to July 6, 1967.

857 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall furnish to each
858 qualified applicant a license certifying that the holder thereof is entitled
859 to engage in the work or occupation for which the person has been
860 issued a license under this chapter, and the holder of such license shall
861 carry it on his person while engaging in such work or occupation. Such
862 license shall be shown to any properly interested person on request. No
863 such license shall be transferred to or used by any person other than the
864 person to whom the license was issued. Contractors that fail to display
865 their state license number on all commercial vehicles used in their
866 business and in a conspicuous manner on all advertisements, bid
867 proposals, contracts, invoices and on all stationery used in their business
868 may be fined not more than five hundred dollars per violation, but shall
869 not be fined for the first violation. The department shall keep a register
870 in which shall be entered the names of all persons to whom such licenses
871 are issued. The register shall be at all times open to public inspection.

872 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection and each board

873 established under section 20-331 may deny, suspend or revoke any
874 license or certificate granted or issued by it under this chapter if the
875 holder of such license or certificate (1) is convicted of a felony, provided
876 any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its
877 relationship to the license or certificate holder's ability to safely or
878 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
879 license or certificate, (B) information pertaining to the degree of
880 rehabilitation of the license or certificate holder, and (C) the time elapsed
881 since the conviction or release, (2) is grossly incompetent, (3) engages in
882 malpractice or unethical conduct or knowingly makes false, misleading
883 or deceptive representations regarding his or her work, or (4) violates
884 the regulations adopted under this chapter. Before any such license or
885 certificate is suspended or revoked, such holder shall be given notice
886 and opportunity for hearing as provided in regulations adopted by the
887 Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Any person whose license or
888 certificate has been suspended or revoked may, after ninety days but
889 not more than one hundred eighty days after such suspension or
890 revocation, apply to the board demonstrating good cause to have such
891 license reinstated. Any such suspension or revocation of a license or
892 [certification] certificate by the board shall be a proposed final decision
893 and submitted to the commissioner in accordance with the provisions
894 of subsection (b) of section 21a-7.

895 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
896 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
897 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
898 obtaining a license or certificate issued or conferred by the
899 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
900 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
901 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
902 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
903 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
904 the individual.

905 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
906 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the

907 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
908 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
909 commissioner may waive such fee.

910 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
911 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
912 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
913 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license or
914 certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

915 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
916 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
917 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
918 presented in the determination request.

919 Sec. 22. Section 20-341gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
920 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

921 (a) As used in this section, "major contractor" means (1) any person
922 engaged in the business of construction, structural repair, structural
923 alteration, dismantling or demolition of a structure or addition that
924 exceeds the threshold limits provided in section 29-276b, or (2) any
925 person who, under the direction of a general contractor, performs or
926 offers to perform any work that impacts upon the structural integrity of
927 a structure or addition, including repair, alteration, dismantling or
928 demolition of a structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits
929 provided in section 29-276b. Such work includes, but is not limited to,
930 roofing, masonry and structural frame work.

931 (b) No person shall engage in or offer to perform the work of any
932 major contractor in this state on any proposed structure or existing
933 structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits contained in
934 section 29-276b unless such person has first obtained a license or
935 certificate of registration as required under the provisions of chapter 539
936 or a registration from the Department of Consumer Protection in
937 accordance with the provisions of this section. Individuals licensed
938 under chapter 393 shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter

939 while engaging in work that they are licensed to perform. The
940 department shall issue a certificate of registration to any person who is
941 prequalified pursuant to section 4a-100 who applies for registration in
942 accordance with this section. Such prequalified person shall not be
943 required to pay a fee for such registration at any time that the person
944 maintains valid prequalification. If the individual or the firm, company,
945 partnership or corporation employing such individual is engaged in
946 work on a structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits
947 contained in section 29-276b and requires licensure under chapter 393,
948 the firm, company, partnership or corporation shall be exempt from the
949 provisions of this chapter concerning registration of major contractors,
950 if the firm, company, partnership or corporation employs an individual
951 who is licensed as a contractor under chapter 393 to perform such work.
952 The department shall furnish to each qualified applicant a registration
953 certifying that the holder of such registration is entitled to engage in the
954 work for which the person has been issued a registration under this
955 subsection, and the holder of such registration shall carry it on his
956 person while engaging in such work. Such registration shall be shown
957 to any properly interested person upon request. No such registration
958 shall be transferred to or used by any person other than the person to
959 whom the registration was issued. The department shall maintain
960 rosters of registrants and shall update such rosters annually. The
961 department may provide copies of rosters to the public for an
962 appropriate fee. The department may deny, suspend or revoke any
963 registration issued by the department if the holder of such registration
964 (1) is convicted of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon (A)
965 the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the registration
966 holder's ability to safely or competently perform the work under such
967 registration, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
968 the registration holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or
969 release, (2) is grossly incompetent, (3) is disqualified, pursuant to section
970 4a-100 or whose prequalification certificate has been revoked pursuant
971 to section 4a-100, (4) engages in malpractice or unethical conduct or
972 knowingly makes false, misleading or deceptive representations
973 regarding his work, or (5) violates any regulation adopted under

974 subsection (c) of this section. Before any registration is suspended or
975 revoked, such holder shall be given notice and an opportunity for
976 hearing as provided in regulations adopted under subsection (c) of this
977 section. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall provide
978 written notice of any suspension or revocation of a registration to the
979 Commissioner of Administrative Services not later than ten days after
980 such suspension or revocation.

981 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
982 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions
983 of this section. Such regulations shall (1) establish the registration
984 requirements for major contractors, (2) specify application and
985 registration fees, and (3) establish occupational standards for the
986 preservation of the public safety.

987 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
988 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
989 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
990 obtaining registration issued or conferred by the commissioner
991 pursuant to this section based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
992 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
993 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
994 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
995 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

996 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
997 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
998 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
999 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1000 commissioner may waive such fee.

1001 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1002 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1003 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1004 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a registration
1005 issued pursuant to this section.

1006 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1007 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1008 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1009 presented in the determination request.

1010 Sec. 23. Section 20-361 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1011 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1012 (a) Except as provided in section 20-365, no person shall be licensed
1013 as a sanitarian who does not prove to the satisfaction of the
1014 commissioner that such person holds a degree from an accredited
1015 college or university following four years of study and has two years of
1016 full-time experience, or the equivalent, in the field of environmental
1017 health acceptable to the commissioner. An applicant who successfully
1018 completes a special training course in environmental health approved
1019 by the commissioner may substitute such course for six months of such
1020 required experience in the field of environmental health. The applicant
1021 shall also be required to pass a written or oral examination in the science
1022 of environmental health as determined by the commissioner. An
1023 applicant for licensure shall not be required to be licensed while
1024 completing the work experience requirements of this section, provided,
1025 on and after January 1, 1998, such experience shall be completed under
1026 the supervision of a sanitarian licensed pursuant to this chapter or
1027 licensed, certified or registered in the jurisdiction in which such
1028 experience was completed.

1029 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1030 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1031 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1032 obtaining a license issued or conferred by the commissioner under this
1033 chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to
1034 the individual's ability to safely or competently perform the duties or
1035 responsibilities associated with such license, (B) information pertaining
1036 to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual, and (C) the time elapsed
1037 since the conviction or release of the individual.

1038 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1039 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1040 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1041 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1042 commissioner may waive such fee.

1043 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1044 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1045 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1046 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
1047 issued pursuant to this chapter.

1048 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1049 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1050 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1051 presented in the determination request.

1052 Sec. 24. Section 20-363 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1053 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1054 The commissioner may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend or
1055 revoke a license or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17, as
1056 amended by this act, upon proof that the applicant or license holder (1)
1057 has employed or knowingly cooperated in fraud or material deception
1058 in order to obtain a license or has engaged in fraud or material deception
1059 in the course of professional services or activities at any place; (2) has
1060 been guilty of illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct in his or her
1061 practice; (3) has violated any provision of this chapter or any regulation
1062 adopted under this chapter; (4) has been found guilty or convicted as a
1063 result of an act which constitutes a felony under (A) the laws of this
1064 state, (B) federal law, or (C) the laws of another jurisdiction and which,
1065 if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under
1066 the laws of this state, provided any action taken is based upon (i) the
1067 nature of the conviction and its relationship to the applicant's or license
1068 holder's ability to safely or competently perform the work under such
1069 license, (ii) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the

1070 license, and (iii) the time elapsed since the conviction or release; or (5)
1071 has been subject to disciplinary action similar to that specified in section
1072 19a-17, as amended by this act, by a duly authorized professional
1073 disciplinary agency of any state, the District of Columbia, a United
1074 States possession or territory, or a foreign jurisdiction. The
1075 commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of
1076 Hartford to enforce any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17, as
1077 amended by this act. Before the commissioner may suspend, revoke or
1078 refuse to renew a license or take such other action, the commissioner
1079 shall give the applicant or license holder notice and opportunity for
1080 hearing as provided in the regulations adopted by the commissioner.

1081 Sec. 25. Section 20-442a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1082 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1083 (a) The department may deny an application of an individual or take
1084 any action set forth in section 19a-17, as amended by this act, and
1085 subsection (f) of section 19a-88 against a person or entity licensed or
1086 certified pursuant to chapter 400a for reasons including, but not limited
1087 to, the following: (1) Conviction of a felony, provided any action taken
1088 is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the
1089 license or certificate holder's ability to safely or competently perform the
1090 work under such license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of
1091 rehabilitation of the license or certificate holder, and (C) the time elapsed
1092 since the conviction or release; (2) fraud or deceit in the practice of such
1093 person's or entity's profession; (3) negligent, incompetent or wrongful
1094 conduct in professional activities; (4) misrepresentation or concealment
1095 of a material fact in the obtaining, reinstatement or renewal of a license
1096 or certificate; or (5) violation of any provision of chapter 400a, or any
1097 regulation adopted thereunder. The commissioner may petition the
1098 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order
1099 or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17, as amended by this act.
1100 Notice of any contemplated action under section 19a-17, as amended by
1101 this act, the cause of action and the date of a hearing on the action shall
1102 be given and an opportunity for hearing afforded in accordance with
1103 the provisions of chapter 54.

1104 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1105 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1106 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1107 obtaining a license or certificate issued or conferred by the
1108 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
1109 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
1110 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
1111 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
1112 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
1113 the individual.

1114 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1115 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1116 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1117 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1118 commissioner may waive such fee.

1119 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1120 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1121 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1122 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license or
1123 certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

1124 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1125 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1126 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1127 presented in the determination request.

1128 Sec. 26. Section 20-475 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1129 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1130 (a) On and after the effective date of regulations adopted pursuant to
1131 section 20-478, no entity shall hold itself out as a lead abatement
1132 contractor or lead consultant contractor, or to principally engage in such
1133 work in this state without a license issued by the Commissioner of
1134 Public Health. Applications for such license shall be made to the
1135 department on forms provided by it, and shall be accompanied by a fee

1136 of six hundred twenty-five dollars, and shall contain such information
1137 regarding the applicant's qualifications as the department may require
1138 in regulations adopted pursuant to said section 20-478 including, but
1139 not limited to, demonstrating that all employees of any applicant who
1140 require certification pursuant to subsections (e) and (f) of section 19a-88,
1141 and sections 20-474 to 20-482, inclusive, are certified by the department.
1142 The department shall review the technical, equipment and personnel
1143 resources of each applicant. No person shall be issued a license to act as
1144 a lead abatement contractor or lead consultant contractor unless such
1145 person obtains such approval. The commissioner may issue a license
1146 under this section to any person who is licensed in another state under
1147 a law which provides standards which are equal to or higher than those
1148 of Connecticut and is not subject to any unresolved complaints or
1149 pending disciplinary actions. Licenses issued pursuant to this section
1150 shall be renewed annually in accordance with the provisions of section
1151 19a-88 upon payment of a fee of six hundred twenty-five dollars.

1152 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1153 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1154 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1155 obtaining a license or certificate issued or conferred by the
1156 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
1157 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
1158 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
1159 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
1160 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
1161 the individual.

1162 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1163 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1164 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1165 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1166 commissioner may waive such fee.

1167 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1168 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such

1169 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1170 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
1171 issued by the department pursuant to this chapter.

1172 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1173 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1174 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1175 presented in the determination request.

1176 Sec. 27. Section 20-481 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1177 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1178 (a) The department may deny an application of an individual or take
1179 any action set forth in section 19a-17, as amended by this act, against a
1180 person or entity issued a license or certificate pursuant to sections 20-
1181 474 to 20-482, inclusive, and subsections (e) and (f) of section 19a-88 for
1182 reasons including, but not limited to, the following: Conviction of a
1183 felony, provided any action taken is based upon (1) the nature of the
1184 conviction and its relationship to the license or certificate holder's ability
1185 to safely or competently perform the work under such license or
1186 certificate, (2) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
1187 the license or certificate holder, and (3) the time elapsed since the
1188 conviction or release; fraud or deceit in the practice of his profession;
1189 negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities;
1190 misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact in the obtaining,
1191 reinstatement or renewal of a license; or violation of any provision of
1192 sections 20-474 to 20-482, inclusive, and subsections (e) and (f) of section
1193 19a-88 or any regulation adopted thereunder. The commissioner may
1194 petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce
1195 such order or any action taken pursuant to said section 19a-17, as
1196 amended by this act. Notice of any contemplated action under said
1197 section 19a-17, as amended by this act, the cause of action and the date
1198 of a hearing on the action shall be given and an opportunity for hearing
1199 afforded in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

1200 Sec. 28. Subsection (i) of section 20-540 of the general statutes is

1201 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1202 *1, 2022*):

1203 (i) The Department of Consumer Protection may deny, suspend or
1204 revoke an application of a certificate granted or issued by it pursuant to
1205 this section if the holder of such certificate is (1) convicted of a felony,
1206 provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction
1207 and its relationship to the certificate holder's ability to safely or
1208 competently perform work under such certificate, (B) information
1209 pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the certificate holder, and
1210 (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release, (2) is grossly
1211 incompetent, (3) engages in malpractice or unethical conduct, or (4)
1212 knowingly makes false, misleading or deceptive representations
1213 regarding his work. Prior to such suspension or revocation, such holder
1214 shall be given notice and an opportunity for hearing as provided in
1215 regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Any
1216 person whose certificate has been suspended may, after ninety days,
1217 apply to the department to have such certificate reinstated.

1218 Sec. 29. Section 20-540 of the general statutes is amended by adding
1219 subsection (m) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1220 (NEW) (m) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any
1221 criminal offense may request, at any time, that the commissioner
1222 determine whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies
1223 the individual from obtaining a license or certificate issued or conferred
1224 by the commissioner pursuant to this section. An individual making
1225 such request shall include (A) details of the individual's criminal
1226 conviction, and (B) any payment required by the commissioner. The
1227 commissioner may charge a fee of not more than fifteen dollars for each
1228 request made under this subsection. The commissioner may waive such
1229 fee.

1230 (2) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1231 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1232 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,

1233 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license or
1234 certificate issued pursuant to this section.

1235 (3) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1236 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1237 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1238 presented in the determination request.

1239 Sec. 30. Section 22a-66e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1240 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1241 (a) The grounds for denial, revocation or suspension of a registration
1242 shall include, but not be limited to:

1243 (1) Violation of any provision of this chapter, as amended, or any
1244 regulation, permit, certificate, registration or order adopted,
1245 administered or issued pursuant thereto;

1246 (2) Inclusion of false or misleading information in an application or
1247 failure to notify the commissioner of a change as required by section
1248 22a-66c;

1249 (3) Inclusion of false or misleading information in records required to
1250 be maintained pursuant to section 22a-66g, the failure to maintain such
1251 records, or the failure to provide the commissioner with the records
1252 required by said section;

1253 (4) Use of a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with the registered
1254 labeling or with state or federal restrictions on the use of such pesticide;

1255 (5) Application of pesticides generally known in the trade to be
1256 ineffective or improper for the intended use;

1257 (6) Operation of faulty or unsafe equipment which may result in
1258 improper application or harm to the environment, the applicator or
1259 others from the pesticide;

1260 (7) Application of a pesticide in a faulty, careless or negligent manner;

1261 (8) Aiding or abetting a certified or uncertified person to evade the
1262 provisions of this chapter, as amended, or any regulation, permit,
1263 certificate, registration or order adopted, administered or issued
1264 pursuant thereto;

1265 (9) The making of a false or misleading statement during an
1266 inspection or investigation concerning an infestation of pests, an
1267 accident in applying a pesticide, misuse of a pesticide, or violation of a
1268 statute, regulation, certificate, registration or order;

1269 (10) The performance of work, whether or not for compensation, in a
1270 category for which the applicator is not certified; and

1271 (11) The conviction of the applicant or owner of a pesticide
1272 application business of a felony, as defined in section 53a-25, provided
1273 any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its
1274 relationship to the applicant's or owner's ability to safely or competently
1275 perform the work under such registration, (B) information pertaining to
1276 the degree of rehabilitation of the applicant or owner, and (C) the time
1277 elapsed since the conviction or release.

1278 (b) Any pesticide application business whose certificate of
1279 registration is denied, suspended or revoked shall not be eligible for a
1280 new certificate until such time has elapsed from the date of the denial,
1281 suspension or revocation as has been established by the commissioner.

1282 (c) A new certificate or renewal of a certificate shall not be issued to a
1283 commercial applicator unless the applicant has submitted the summary
1284 required pursuant to subsection (d) of section 22a-58, for the previous
1285 calendar year.

1286 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1287 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1288 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1289 obtaining registration issued or conferred by the commissioner
1290 pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and
1291 its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently

1292 perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
1293 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
1294 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

1295 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1296 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1297 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1298 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1299 commissioner may waive such fee.

1300 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1301 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1302 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1303 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a registration
1304 issued pursuant to this chapter.

1305 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1306 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1307 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1308 presented in the determination request.

1309 Sec. 31. Section 23-61i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1310 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1311 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall,
1312 after review of a complete application submitted in accordance with the
1313 provisions of section 23-61h, issue or deny a certificate of registration.
1314 The commissioner shall inform an applicant of a denial of a certificate of
1315 registration by certified mail, return receipt requested. The
1316 commissioner shall briefly state the reasons, as listed in subsection (c) of
1317 this section, for such denial. Any applicant aggrieved by the
1318 commissioner's decision to deny a certificate of registration may, not
1319 later than thirty days after the date of such decision, request a hearing
1320 before the commissioner. Such hearing shall be held in accordance with
1321 the provisions of chapter 54.

1322 (b) The commissioner may revoke or suspend a certificate of

1323 registration in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this
1324 section and section 4-182.

1325 (c) The grounds for denial, revocation or suspension of a certificate of
1326 registration shall include the following:

1327 (1) Violation of any provision of this chapter or chapter 441 or any
1328 regulation, permit, certificate, registration or order adopted, issued or
1329 administered or issued pursuant to this chapter and chapter 441;

1330 (2) Inclusion of false or misleading information in an application or
1331 the failure to notify the commissioner of a change, as required by section
1332 23-61h;

1333 (3) Inclusion of false or misleading information in records required to
1334 be maintained pursuant to section 23-61k, or the failure to maintain such
1335 records or provide the commissioner with the records required by
1336 section 23-61k;

1337 (4) Use of a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with the registered
1338 labeling or with state or federal restrictions on the use of such pesticide;

1339 (5) Application of pesticides generally known in the trade to be
1340 ineffective or improper for the intended use;

1341 (6) Operation of faulty or unsafe equipment which may result in
1342 improper pesticide application or harm to the environment, a worker or
1343 other persons;

1344 (7) Application of a pesticide or performance of arboriculture in a
1345 faulty, careless or negligent manner;

1346 (8) Aiding or abetting a licensed or unlicensed person to evade the
1347 provisions of this chapter or chapter 441 or any regulation, permit,
1348 certificate, registration or order adopted, issued or administered
1349 pursuant to this chapter and chapter 441;

1350 (9) The making of a false or misleading statement during an

1351 inspection or investigation concerning an infestation of pests, an
1352 accident in applying a pesticide, misuse of a pesticide, or violation of a
1353 statute, regulation, certificate, registration or order;

1354 (10) The performance of arboriculture which does not meet generally
1355 accepted industry standards;

1356 (11) The performance of work, whether or not for compensation, in a
1357 category for which the arborist is not certified; and

1358 (12) The conviction of the applicant of a felony, as defined in section
1359 53a-25, provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the
1360 conviction and its relationship to the applicant's or certificate holder's
1361 ability to safely or competently perform the work under such
1362 certification, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
1363 the applicant or certificate holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the
1364 conviction or release.

1365 (d) Any arborist business whose certificate of registration is denied,
1366 suspended or revoked shall not be eligible to reapply for a certificate of
1367 registration until the commissioner determines that such applicant may
1368 reapply.

1369 (e) The commissioner shall not issue a certificate of registration or a
1370 renewal of a certificate of registration to an arborist business unless such
1371 arborist business submits the summary required pursuant to subsection
1372 (d) of section 22a-58 for the previous calendar year.

1373 (f) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1374 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1375 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1376 obtaining a certificate issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant
1377 to this section based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
1378 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
1379 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
1380 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
1381 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

1382 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1383 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1384 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1385 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1386 commissioner may waive such fee.

1387 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1388 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1389 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1390 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate
1391 issued pursuant this section.

1392 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1393 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1394 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1395 presented in the determination request.

1396 Sec. 32. Section 29-154a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1397 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1398 (a) The commissioner may grant a private detective or private
1399 detective agency license to any suitable person, or to any corporation,
1400 association or partnership subject to the following qualifications: The
1401 applicant for a private detective or private detective agency license shall
1402 be not less than twenty-five years of age and of good moral character
1403 and shall have had at least five years' experience as a full-time
1404 investigator, as determined in regulations adopted by the commissioner
1405 pursuant to section 29-161, or shall have had at least ten years'
1406 experience as a police officer with a state or organized municipal police
1407 department. Employment as a security officer shall not be considered as
1408 employment as an investigator. If the applicant is a corporation,
1409 association or partnership, the person filing the application on behalf of
1410 such corporation, association or partnership shall meet the
1411 qualifications set forth in this section for an individual applicant, and
1412 shall be an officer of such corporation or member of such association or
1413 partnership. If the commissioner grants a private detective or private

1414 detective agency license to an applicant based on such applicant's
1415 experience as an investigator with an organized municipal fire
1416 department, such license shall restrict such licensee to performing the
1417 same type of investigations as were performed for the municipal fire
1418 department.

1419 (b) The commissioner may, at the commissioner's discretion,
1420 substitute up to one year of experience for a private detective or private
1421 detective agency applicant upon proof of satisfactory participation in a
1422 course of instruction pertinent to the license applied for.

1423 (c) No license shall be issued to any person who has been (1)
1424 convicted of any felony, (2) convicted of any misdemeanor under
1425 section 21a-279, 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175,
1426 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d, or equivalent conviction in another
1427 jurisdiction, within the past seven years, (3) convicted of any offense
1428 involving moral turpitude, or (4) discharged from military service under
1429 conditions that demonstrate questionable moral character.

1430 (d) Any applicant who has been denied a license may appeal in
1431 writing to the commissioner not later than thirty days after receipt of
1432 such denial.

1433 (e) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1434 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1435 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1436 obtaining a license or registration issued or conferred by the
1437 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
1438 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
1439 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
1440 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
1441 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
1442 the individual.

1443 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1444 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1445 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than

1446 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1447 commissioner may waive such fee.

1448 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1449 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1450 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1451 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license or
1452 registration issued pursuant this chapter.

1453 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1454 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1455 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1456 presented in the determination request.

1457 Sec. 33. Section 29-158 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1458 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1459 Any license or registration issued under the provisions of sections 29-
1460 153 to 29-161, inclusive, may be suspended or revoked by the
1461 commissioner, after giving notice and an opportunity to be heard to the
1462 licensee or registrant when the commissioner finds that the licensee or
1463 registrant has: (1) Violated any of the terms or provisions of sections 29-
1464 153 to 29-161, inclusive, or any of the regulations adopted thereunder;
1465 (2) practiced fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in dealing with the
1466 clients of the licensee or registrant; (3) made a material misstatement in
1467 the application for issuance of such license or registration, or, in the case
1468 of a licensee, in the application for renewal of such license; (4)
1469 demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in the conduct of the
1470 business; or (5) been convicted of a felony or other crime involving
1471 moral turpitude, provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature
1472 of the conviction and its relationship to the licensee's or registrant's
1473 ability to safely or competently perform the work under such license or
1474 registration, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
1475 the licensee or registrant, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction
1476 or release. If the licensee or registrant has been convicted under section
1477 53a-61 or 53a-62, the commissioner shall consider the facts and

1478 circumstances surrounding such conviction prior to suspending or
1479 revoking the license or registration. Any party aggrieved by an order of
1480 the commissioner under the provisions of this section may appeal
1481 therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183, except the
1482 venue for such appeal shall be the judicial district of New Britain.

1483 Sec. 34. Section 29-161v of the general statutes is repealed and the
1484 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1485 (a) Any license for a security service or security officer or approval as
1486 a security officer instructor may be suspended or revoked by the
1487 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, provided
1488 notice shall have been given to the licensee or instructor to appear before
1489 the commissioner to show cause why the license or approval should not
1490 be suspended or revoked, upon a finding by the commissioner that: (1)
1491 The licensee has violated any of the terms or provisions of sections 29-
1492 161g to 29-161x, inclusive, or in the case of an instructor, section 29-161q,
1493 or any of the regulations adopted pursuant to section 29-161x; (2) the
1494 licensee or instructor has practiced fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;
1495 (3) the licensee or instructor has made a material misstatement in the
1496 application for issuance or renewal of the license or approval; (4) the
1497 licensee or instructor has demonstrated incompetence or
1498 untrustworthiness in the conduct of the business; or (5) the licensee or
1499 instructor has been convicted of a felony, provided any action taken is
1500 based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the
1501 licensee's or instructor's ability to safely or competently perform the
1502 work under such license or approval, (B) information pertaining to the
1503 degree of rehabilitation of the licensee or instructor, and (C) the time
1504 elapsed since the conviction or release or [other] a crime affecting the
1505 licensee's or instructor's honesty [,] or integrity. [or moral fitness.] Any
1506 party aggrieved by an order of the commissioner under this section may
1507 appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183,
1508 except the venue for such appeal shall be the judicial district of New
1509 Britain.

1510 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense

1511 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1512 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1513 obtaining a license issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant to
1514 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
1515 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
1516 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
1517 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
1518 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

1519 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1520 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1521 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1522 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1523 commissioner may waive such fee.

1524 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1525 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1526 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1527 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
1528 issued pursuant this chapter.

1529 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1530 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1531 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1532 presented in the determination request.

1533 Sec. 35. Section 30-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1534 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1535 (a) The Department of Consumer Protection may, in its discretion,
1536 suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew a permit for the sale of
1537 alcoholic liquor if it has reasonable cause to believe: (1) That the
1538 applicant or permittee appears to be financially irresponsible or neglects
1539 to provide for his family, or neglects or is unable to pay his just debts;
1540 (2) that the applicant or permittee has been provided with funds by any
1541 wholesaler or manufacturer or has any forbidden connection with any
1542 other class of permittee as provided in this chapter; (3) that the applicant

1543 or permittee is in the habit of using alcoholic beverages to excess; (4) that
1544 the applicant or permittee has wilfully made any false statement to the
1545 department in a material matter; (5) that the applicant or permittee has
1546 been convicted of violating any of the liquor laws of this or any other
1547 state or the liquor laws of the United States or has been convicted of a
1548 felony as such term is defined in section 53a-25, provided any action
1549 taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship
1550 to the applicant or permittee's ability to safely or competently perform
1551 the duties associated with such permit, (B) information pertaining to the
1552 degree of rehabilitation of the applicant or permittee, and (C) the time
1553 elapsed since the conviction or release, or has such a criminal record that
1554 the department reasonably believes he is not a suitable person to hold a
1555 permit, provided no refusal shall be rendered under this subdivision
1556 except in accordance with the provisions of sections 46a-80 and 46a-81;
1557 (6) that the applicant or permittee has not been delegated full authority
1558 and control of the permit premises and of the conduct of all business on
1559 such premises; or (7) that the applicant or permittee has violated any
1560 provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted under this chapter.
1561 Any backer shall be subject to the same disqualifications as provided in
1562 this section in the case of an applicant for a permit or a permittee.

1563 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, in his or her
1564 discretion, require a permittee who has had his or her permit for the sale
1565 of alcoholic liquor suspended or revoked pursuant to subsection (a) of
1566 this section to have such permittee's employees participate in an alcohol
1567 seller and server training program approved by the commissioner. The
1568 commissioner may require proof of completion of the program from the
1569 permittee prior to reactivation or reissuance of such permit.

1570 (c) In lieu of suspending or revoking a permit for the sale of alcoholic
1571 liquor pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner may
1572 require a permittee to have such permittee's employees participate in an
1573 alcohol seller and server training program.

1574 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1575 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether

1576 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
 1577 obtaining a permit issued or conferred by the department pursuant to
 1578 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
 1579 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
 1580 the duties or responsibilities associated with such permit, (B)
 1581 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
 1582 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

1583 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
 1584 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
 1585 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
 1586 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
 1587 department may waive such fee.

1588 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
 1589 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
 1590 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
 1591 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a permit
 1592 issued pursuant to this chapter.

1593 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
 1594 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
 1595 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
 1596 presented in the determination request."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2022	19a-14(a)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2022	19a-17(a)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2022	20-195o
Sec. 4	October 1, 2022	20-195p
Sec. 5	October 1, 2022	20-195cc
Sec. 6	October 1, 2022	20-195ee
Sec. 7	October 1, 2022	20-195ooo
Sec. 8	October 1, 2022	20-195qqq
Sec. 9	October 1, 2022	20-206n
Sec. 10	October 1, 2022	20-206s

Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265b(i)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265b
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265c(i)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265c
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265d(i)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265d
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-280e
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-281a
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-291
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-294
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-334
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-341gg
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-361
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-363
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-442a
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-475
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-481
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-540(i)
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-540
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	22a-66e
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	23-61i
Sec. 32	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	29-154a
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	29-158
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	29-161v
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	30-47